

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147A.4, the Department of Public Health hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 131, “Emergency Medical Services Provider Education/Training/Certification,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The rules in Chapter 131 describe the standards for the education, training, and certification of emergency medical services providers and establish a standard of conduct for training programs, students, and providers. These proposed amendments allow a candidate to complete certification testing while being reviewed for certification, change the practical testing requirements, change the extension process for renewal, and incorporate the authority to levy civil penalties as granted in Iowa Code chapter 272C.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendments on or before February 16, 2010. Such written comments should be directed to Kirk Schmitt, Bureau of EMS, Department of Public Health, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. E-mail may be sent to kschmitt@idph.state.ia.us.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 147A.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend paragraph **131.4(1)“g”** as follows:

g. When a student’s EMS Student Registration or a candidate’s EMS Certification Application is referred to the department for investigation, or when a student or candidate is otherwise under investigation by the department, the individual shall not be eligible for certification ~~testing~~, and the practical examination results will not be confirmed with the NREMT, until the individual is approved by the department.

ITEM 2. Amend subparagraph **131.4(1)“I”(1)** as follows:

(1) An FR or EMT-B candidate will test ~~three~~ all practical stations and have three opportunities to pass those ~~three~~ stations. The candidate’s first attempt at all ~~three~~ stations will constitute the first full attempt. Each retest of failed stations will constitute an additional full attempt.

ITEM 3. Rescind and reserve paragraph **131.4(3)“g.”**

ITEM 4. Adopt the following new paragraph **131.4(3)“i”**:

i. An individual shall be deemed to have complied with the continuing education requirements during periods that the individual serves honorably on active duty in the military services or for periods that the individual is a government employee working as an emergency medical care provider and assigned to duty outside the United States. The individual must submit the Affirmative Renewal Application, all appropriate fees and documentation of assignment.

ITEM 5. Adopt the following new paragraph **131.4(8)“i”**:

i. Extension fee—\$50.

ITEM 6. Adopt the following new subrule 131.4(12):

131.4(12) Extension of certification.

a. If an individual is unable to complete the required continuing education during the certification period due to a medical reason, an extension of certification may be issued upon submission of a signed statement from an appropriate medical provider and approval by the department. The letter must

include information concerning the reason the individual could not complete the continuing education requirements, the time period affected, and the length of time requested for extension.

b. If an individual is unable to attain all continuing education requirements within the certification period, a 45-day extension may be granted. To complete the extension process, the individual shall:

(1) Submit a Request for Extension Application, available through the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of EMS, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075, or the bureau of EMS Web site (www.idph.state.ia.us/ems), at least 7 days prior to the expiration date, but no more than 90 days prior to the expiration date, and a \$50 extension fee.

(2) Be given 45 days from the current expiration date to complete continuing education requirements.

(3) Submit the EMS Affirmative Renewal of Certification Application, with all applicable renewal fees, to the department prior to the extended expiration date (based on the postmark date).

(4) Not use continuing education completed during the extension period in the subsequent renewal.

ITEM 7. Amend subrule 131.7(2), introductory paragraph, as follows:

131.7(2) The department may deny an application for issuance or renewal of an emergency medical care provider certificate, including endorsement, impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$1000, ~~or~~ place on probation, ~~or~~ issue a citation and warning, ~~or~~ suspend, ~~or~~ revoke, or otherwise discipline the certificate when it finds that the applicant or certificate holder has committed any of the following acts or offenses: